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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1890.

To His Excellency, L. Bradford Prince, Governor of New Mexico:

SIR:—We take pleasure in submitting to you our first annual report as Regents of the Agricultural College and Agricultural Experiment Station of New Mexico, as required by An Act of the Legislative Assembly, Approved Feb. 28, A. D. 1889.

Pursuant to the terms of the Act establishing said Institution, your Excellency appointed the following Regents and fixed their respective terms of office, as follows:

William L. Ryner, five years.

Numa Raymond, four years.

J. A. Whitmore, three years.

Robert Black, two years.

John R. McFie, one year.

All of these were duly qualified and entered upon the discharge of their duties as such officers. They met in Las Cruces on the second Wednesday of November, A. D. 1889, as directed by the law, and duly organized by the election of John R. Mc-

time consisted of Hiram Hadley, A. M., President; John P. Owen, Principal of Preparatory Department, and Matilda A. Kehler, Teacher of Drawing and Assistant in the Preparatory Department. The number of pupils in attendance was small as might reasonably be expected, but an organization was effected and a favorable commencement was made. The current school year opened September 1, 1890, with an enlarged attendance. The faculty at the date of this report is as follows: Hiram Hadley A. M., President and Professor of Mathematics; Ainsworth E. Blount, A. M., Professor of Agriculture and Horticulture; Elmer O. Wooton, B. Sc., Professor of Natural History; Phoebe E. Haines, M. Sc., Teacher of Drawing and Assistant in the Preparatory Department; John P. Owen, Professor of History and Civics and Principal of the Preparatory Department; Ida M. Jones, Teacher of the Elementary Class, and Cosette Rynerson, Teacher of Instrumental Music. Prof. J. A. Christman has been elected Principal of the Commercial Department and will enter on his work March 9th. The Autumn Term opened with 42 students, but the attendance has steadily increased until at this date 77 students are in attendance. The College classes are organized, a four years' college course has been adopted, and about 20 pupils are found in the Freshman and Sophomore Classes. Whilst it was thought necessary to provide for a two years' Preparatory Course, the standard for admission to the College Course has been made such as to compare favorably with that required at other similar institutions in the States. This works no hardship to any one, since the students in the Preparatory Department have the same advantages as those in the College Department and at the same cost. The passing from one department to the other affords a stimulus to exertion and constitutes an epoch in the student's life. As examples of the work being done in the Freshman and Sophomore Classes of the College, we may mention that we have good classes in the following subjects: Double Entry Book Keeping, Higher English Grammar and Rhet-

oric, Drawing—Free-Hand and Mechanical, Ancient History, Geometry, Trigonometry, Elements of Agriculture, Composition, English Literature, Surveying, Chemistry, Physics, and Geology. By the voluntary labors of some members of the Faculty, Vocal Music is well taught to all the pupils who are disposed to avail themselves of this advantage. In all branches of science, students are taken from the text as found in Nature to that found in their books. In Trigonometry and Surveying, they have constant field practice with the most modern instruments. In all departments they are trained to practically apply their knowledge.

The expenses in the College and the Preparatory Departments are but \$3 per year. Text books are loaned free of expense to all pupils. An extra charge is made for Instrumental Music.

We are still occupying temporary buildings for College purposes, but we have in process of erection and nearing completion, a large and commodious brick College building of three stories, containing fourteen rooms. It is constructed upon modern and approved plans and it is well adapted to the needs of our school. For the present, it will be occupied jointly by the College proper and the Experiment Station. It is situated upon the College farm and fronts the Railroad, that it may stand and be seen as a monument to the educational enterprise of our Territory. May it also be a light-house, illuminating by its rays of intelligence and culture all who come within the scope of its influence.

In the discharge of our duties as Regents, we have adhered to the law organizing our institution and have administered the affairs of the College and the Station with economy as rigid as the best interests of the institution would justify, and have carefully audited every charge allowed against the funds at our disposal. A statement of receipts and disbursements up to the date of this report is hereby attached for your inspection. Every item therein is supported by a proper voucher on file with the Board of Regents.

Of the funds received from the United States by virtue of Acts of Congress, except that part allowed for building purposes, no detailed statement is given, for the reason that we are required to account to the United States as to their disbursement.

An Act known as the "Morrill Bill" was passed by the first session of the present Congress. It provides for the distribution of a part of the proceeds of the sale of public lands to the Agricultural Colleges of the States and Territories. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, it gives to each such College, under certain limitations, fifteen thousand dollars annually, and increases the amount each year by one thousand dollars, until the annual appropriation reaches twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$25,000.) At the date of this report we have received none of the funds provided for by this Act, but we have every reason to believe that our College will receive the benefits of this law.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

William L. Rynerson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Regents of the Agricultural College of New Mexico.

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1889, Dec. 13, To cash received from Ter. Treas.....	\$1,000.00
1890, Mar. 1, To cash received from Ter. Treas.....	1,000.00
1890, May 22, To cash received from Ter. Treas.....	2,500.00
June 30, Collected for tuition fees.....	130.00
1890, June 30, Received from the United States Treasury for building for the use of the Experi- ment Station, being 20 per cent. of \$10,000.....	2,000.00
Oct. 17, Received for tuition.....	182.50
Oct. 31, Received for tuition.....	44.50
Nov. 13, Received from Territorial Treasury.....	1,800.00
Nov. 30, Received from U. S. Treasury for building for the use of the Ex. Station, being 5 per cent. of \$7,500 received since July 1, 1890.....	375.00
Total amount received.....	\$9,032.00

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By Cash paid for stationery, printing, and advertising	174.55
By Cash paid for furniture.....	613.15
By Cash paid for freight and express.....	10 28
By Cash paid on contract for College building.....	3,589.26
By Cash paid for making 400 M brick.....	1,800.00
By Cash paid sundry miscellaneous expenses.....	543.07
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Total amount disbursed.....	6,730.00
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Balance cash on hand.....	\$2,301.69

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO, {
County of Doña Ana. }

We, the Regents of the Agricultural College of New Mexico, being first duly sworn, say that the above statement of receipts and disbursements of the Agricultural College and Experiment Station of New Mexico, as explained by accompanying report, is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

JOHN R. McFIE,
W. L. RYNERSON,
JAYNO A. WHITMORE,
ROBERT BLACK,
NUMA REYMOND.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22d day of
December, A. D. 1890.

HENRY D. BOWMAN, Notary Public,
Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Hoping that our report may prove clear and acceptable, and meet your approval, and also that of the Legislative Assembly, we remain, very respectfully,

JOHN R. McFIE,
W. L. RYNERSON,
JAYNO A. WHITMORE,
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ROBERT BLACK.

Regents of the Agricultural College of New Mexico.



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